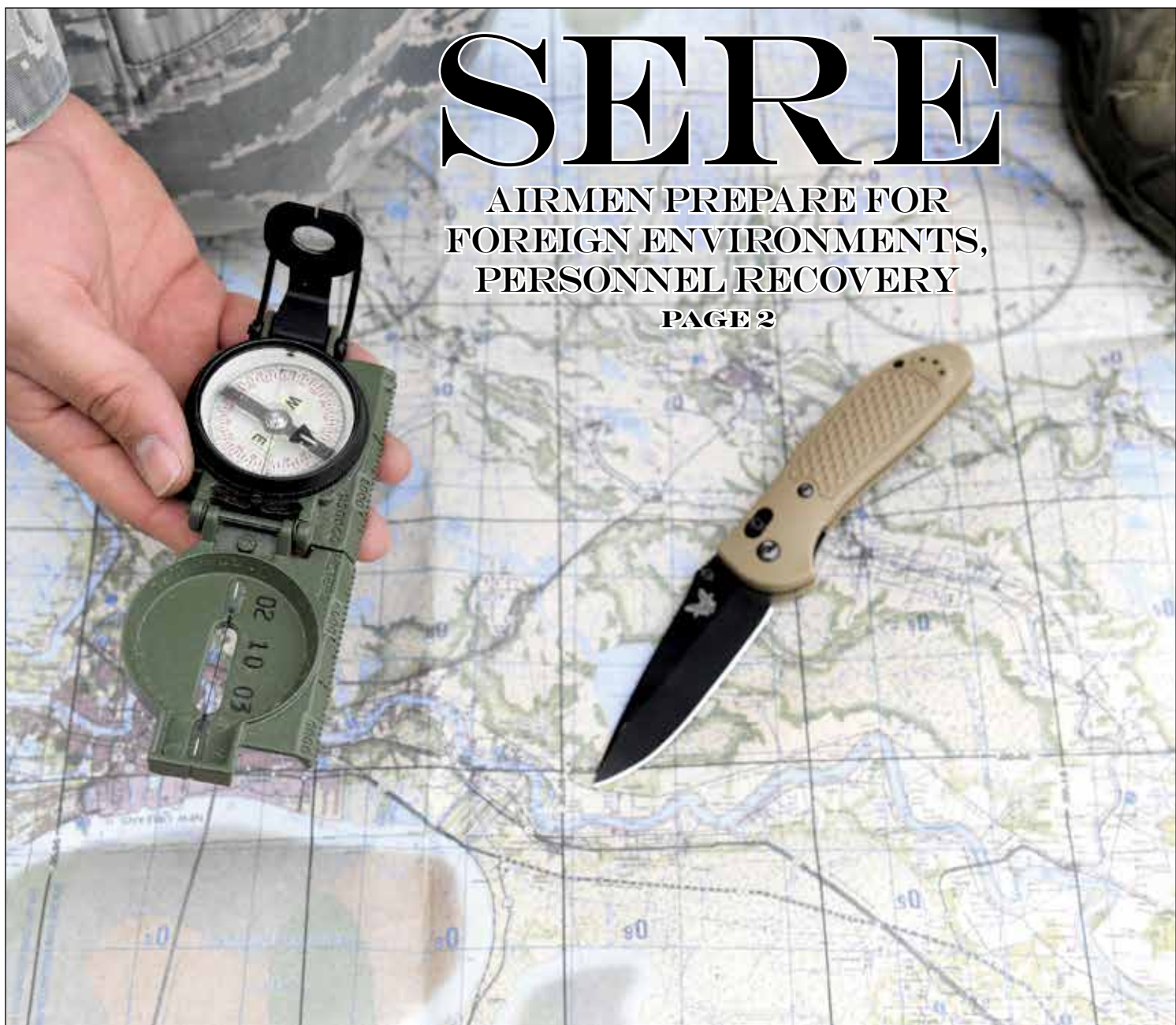




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AIRMEN PREPARE FOR
FOREIGN ENVIRONMENTS,
PERSONNEL RECOVERY

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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Joe Oradei, 34th Combat Training Squadron Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape specialist, demonstrates the proper use of a compass and map at England Air Park, Louisiana, Feb. 12, 2019. Oradei instructed 921st Contingency Response Squadron Airmen on Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape techniques.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN RHETT ISBELL



FATHER, SON SHARE

AIR FORCE JOURNEY

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February marks the 20th anniversary of the C-130J entering the U.S. Air Force and beginning service to our nation.

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U.S. Air Force 921st Contingency Response Squadron Airmen review the items in their bags before participating in foreign customs training at England Air Park, Louisiana, Feb. 12, 2019. Airmen learned of common differences in cultures that may slow them down in their deployed missions.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jonathon Peavy, 34th Combat Training Squadron Detachment 1 Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape specialist, teaches how to properly use a map and compass at England Air Park, Louisiana, Feb. 12, 2019. The training was for personnel recovery scenarios.



U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 921st Contingency Response Squadron receive feedback on their training program led by Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape specialists at England Air Park, Louisiana, Feb. 12, 2019. Airmen learned about foreign customs, personnel recovery, and land navigation.

SERE Airmen prepare for foreign environments, personnel recovery

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN RHETT ISBELL, 19TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Operating in some of the most austere conditions available, U.S. Air Force Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape specialists from Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, train their fellow Airmen to function to the best of their ability in remote or hostile environments.

SERE specialists from the 34th Combat Training Squadron Detachment 1 trained members of the 921st Contingency Response Squadron, from Travis AFB, California, to augment their capabilities of advising, directing and projecting air power along with their characteristic duties of joint force readiness training during exercise Green Flag Little Rock 19-01.

GFLR allows for a chance to experience realistic combat scenarios and learn how to integrate with other units, services and partner nations. The 921st CRS used this exercise to partner with U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Zach Yoakam, 34th CTS SERE Detachment 1 flight

chief, and his team for a one-day training program on common customs hurdles, personnel recovery, and land navigation techniques.

“The 921st CRS commander identified a need for training from me and my team on tactics designed to help them be more efficient while deployed,” Yoakam said. “We tailored it to support their missions downrange.”

Being able to learn from SERE Airmen was a welcomed opportunity for members of the 921st CRS because it is how Airmen learn how to best live up to the U.S. military code of conduct in uncertain or hostile environments. This type of instruction is especially useful for GFLR participants due to their increased likelihood of being in deployed locations.

“I think it’s a good learning opportunity because we go into austere environments in smaller teams,” said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Benjamin Guyton, 921st CRS

mobile C2 controller. “It’s really good for them just to have training on operational security and if they get into trouble, it’s another tool for them to utilize.”

The training activities involved Airmen who had participated in the full SERE course, as well as Airmen who had only experienced SERE topics during basic military training. This mix of skill levels, combined with a non-traditional classroom setting, encouraged an open dialogue and many of the younger, less-trained Airmen to more actively participate than in average lesson plans.

“The Airmen gained newfound confidence in basic personnel recovery concepts and land navigation,” Yoakam said. “In the world of personnel recovery they had less training than I was used to, but they acted in a way outside of their normal capacity of the training they had received, and they were fantastic. I was absolutely impressed.”

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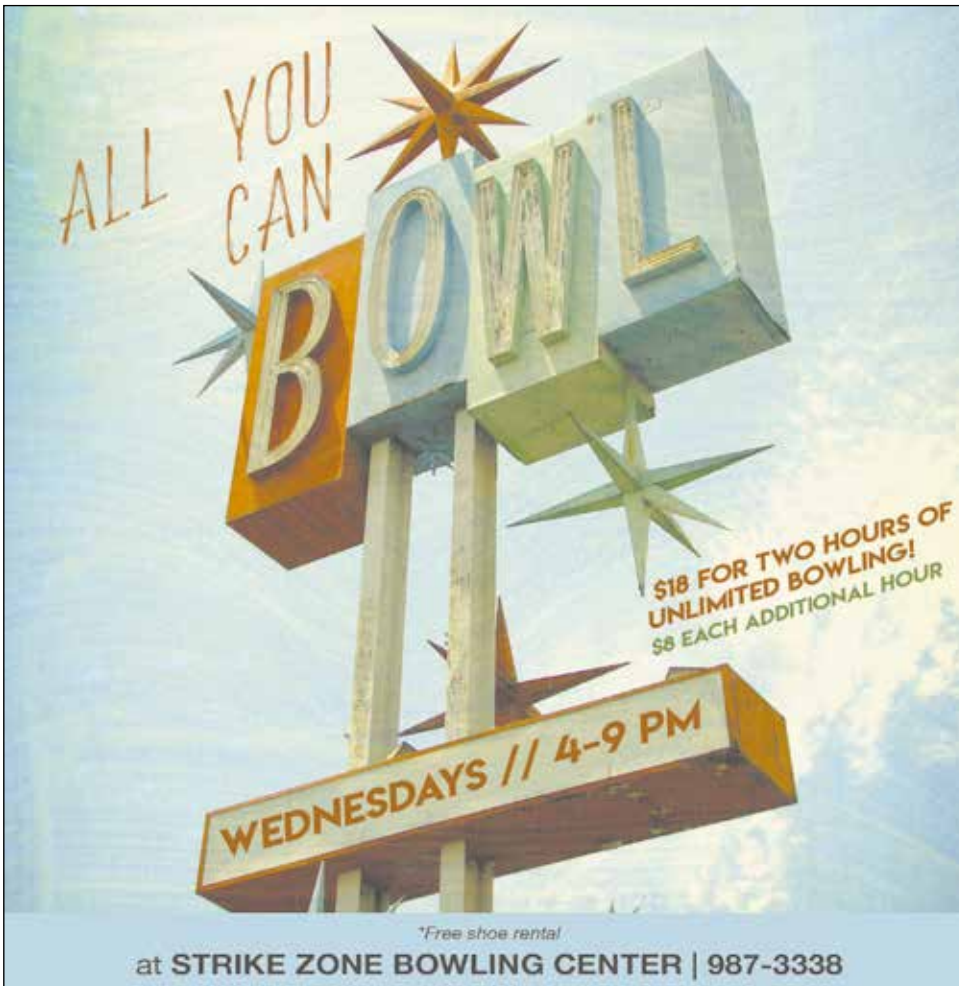
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Father, son share Air Force journey

By Airman 1st Class Aaron Irvin
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

For some, joining the Air Force at a young age may seem like the only option, but for others it only gets better with age. U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Moises Garrido, 19th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment apprentice, decided to follow his dream and serve alongside his son by enlisting in the Air Force at age 37.

Garrido always dreamed of serving his country, but the timing was never right. When his son turned 18 and had the same dream, they took the first step together and went to the recruiter's office. He took his opportunity to serve with an added bonus of enlisting alongside his son.

"I thought it was 'game over' for me," Garrido said. "When my son went to sign up, I found out the age limit to join was raised to 39."

Before joining the military, Garrido was a key account manager for a distribution company in Puerto Rico. In his spare time, he enjoyed working on his car as well as fixing up his coworkers' vehicles.

When Garrido had his son at 18, he realized it would be more difficult to join the Air Force.

"I'm very family-oriented, so I'm sure if I would have joined when I was 18," Garrido said. "I would have gotten



COURTESY PHOTO

(From left), U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Justen Garrido Guiffreda, 605th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron electrical and environmental systems apprentice assigned to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, and his father U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Moises Garrido, 19th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment apprentice assigned to Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, celebrate basic military training graduation while on the River Walk in San Antonio, Texas. Justen and Moises Garrido both joined the Air Force in 2017.

out after four years just so I could be with my kids. Now I plan on serving for 20 years."

Even when his family and friends questioned why he wanted to join so late in his life, he knew that the timing was finally right to do what he always dreamed.

"What better age to join than my age," Garrido said. "My son is already grown up. I've been to all his birthdays, graduations and holidays. My daughter is 15, and I haven't missed anything with her yet."

Garrido was a big influence on his son wanting to join the Air Force. Even though they were the first in their family to enlist, Garrido always believed in the need to serve his country.

"Everyone should serve," Garrido said. "Most kids coming out of high school don't know what they want to do with their life. I think the Air Force gives you guidance on what work is, what commitment is, and having core values."

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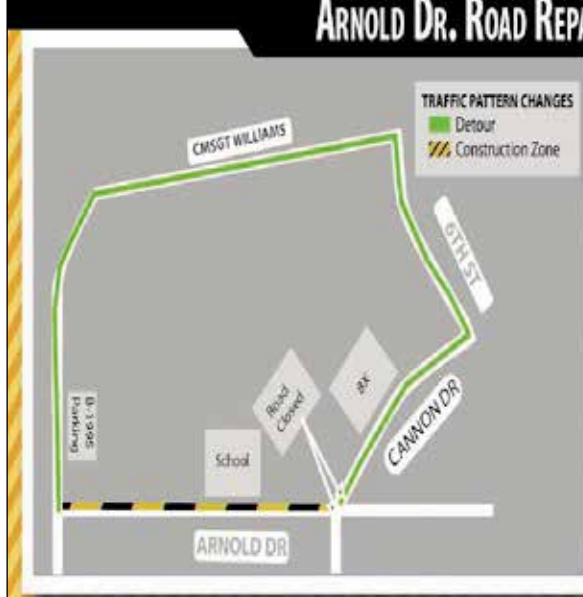
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C-130J

The workhorse of air mobility

By Col. Shane Haughian

19th Operations Group commander

The C-130A entered service in 1956. Over the next four decades, the C-130 Hercules earned a reputation as the nation's airlift workhorse. As such, the 'Herk' was never mistaken as a thoroughbred built for speed, nor a one-trick pony built to be great at a single mission.

For 43 years, the Hercules conducted every mission imaginable for a cargo plane: airdrops, night vision operations, close-air support, air refueling, terrain following low-level, drop BLU-82 bombs, and many other missions. The C-130 proved itself as a warhorse during combat in Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

Although the Herk went through many minor redesigns, Lockheed Martin gave the workhorse its most massive redesign ever in 1999. It became leaner, cutting crew size by 40 percent and bigger by adding 33 percent more pallet size. The redesign also made the C-130 faster, increasing the cruise speed 21 percent and stronger by shortening take-off distance by 41 percent. The new model became greater in endurance and reliability making it 'super.' Thus the C-130J was re-born as the C-130J Super Hercules.

Although many C-130 old timers were reluctant to trust this new workhorse, the C-130J has proven itself to be, hands-down, the most versatile, capable, and survivable airlift aircraft in the air mobility inventory. For 20 years, the C-130J has also proven itself to be the modern warhorse, operating 18 of 20 years in combat in Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa.

Twenty years after the re-design, the C-130J remains the world's most capable airlift aircraft as we prepare for uncertain future conflict. In the next 10 years, with the 8.1 electronic modification, the workhorse will increase its ability to fly in any airspace, civilian or combat, providing its crews information-age capability in GPS, communications, worldwide air traffic airspace capability, and interoperability with command and control.

Have no doubt that as the C-130J turns 40, it will still be in the inventory hacking the mission and setting the bar for the airlift fleet as the old warhorse continues to reliably press on with little fanfare or show.



A Super Hercules can hold up to eight pallets and 24 container delivery system bundles.



The original, mass produced C-130A took its first flight on April 7, 1955. Since then, there have been multiple other models of the C-130 prior to the production of the C-130J, such as these specially modified C-130 aircraft that have skis (above) allowing them to land on ice and snow runways at the South Pole and other remote sites.



To date, the Air Force has received over 120 C-130J aircraft from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company.



Compared to legacy models of the C-130, the Super Hercules climbs faster and higher, flies farther at a higher cruise speed, and takes off and lands in a shorter distance.



The C-130J model entered the United States Air Force inventory 20 years ago this month.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTOS



During the Korean War, the United States Air Force realized the need for a medium cargo aircraft that could deliver combat troops to short, austere airfields. In 1951, the USAF Tactical Command issued a specification for a new cargo aircraft and of that came the prototype for the C-130, the YC-130.

(Left) A C-130J can hold 92 paratroopers.

Happy Birthday, C-130J

By Col. Stephen Hodge

314th Airlift Wing commander

This February marks 20 years since the C-130J entered the United States Air Force and began service to our nation. As the latest iteration of the mighty Herk, with a history of 65 years providing combat airlift to joint warfighters, the J-model heralded a transformation in the way we deliver beans, bullets, and troops on time, on target. While technological advances permitted reduction of the crew complement from five to three aviators, the tactical airlift mindset long admired by our allies and feared by our adversaries remains unchanged. We remain a world-renowned team of adaptable, forward-looking, problem solvers who fully integrate into global operations. With more than 300 C-130Js delivered over the past 20 years to our Air Force, sister services, and partner nations, the ethos of Herk Nation spans the globe and gets its start right here at Little Rock Air Force Base.

The C-130J's story reflects how the 'Home of Combat Airlift' works as an integrated team. Our first two C-130Js arrived on-loan from the Reserves at Keesler AFB in the summer of 2003. With support all across Little Rock AFB, Airmen activated the 48th Airlift Squadron and began formal C-130J training shortly thereafter. These stalwart tactical airlifters designed and rapidly implemented a training program to harness the full capabilities of this new and highly capable weapon system. In March 2004, Little Rock AFB received its first permanently assigned C-130J with tail #314 (02-314) as a fitting tribute to the then-host wing. The 314th Airlift Wing has since shifted to be a mission partner while the 48th AS merged its heritage and cutting-edge reputation into the 62nd AS's long success training future Herk teammates. As the Department of Defense's first and largest C-130J schoolhouse, the 314th AW has produced just over 6,000 aviators from the U.S. and 11 partner nations over the past 15 years. As mission partners, Team Little Rock forged and deployed dedicated professionals who pressed ahead of our adversaries to find novel ways to defeat evolving tactical and operational challenges.

Today, Little Rock AFB Airmen partner from all components, Air Mobility Command, Air Education and Training Command, and Air Combat Command, to fly, maintain and support the C-130J. Our training spans the full continuum of training from day-one students, to daily training sorties, through advanced combat employment exercises, and on to the USAF premier leadership experience disguised as a tactics school – the C-130 Weapons Instructor Course. Together, Team Little Rock's combat airlifters continue to push the envelope by harnessing lessons gleaned from integrated training, joint exercises, and worldwide contingency operations as they fight for the win.

Two decades into its service, the C-130J has become a venerable workhorse in the proudest tradition of combat airlift. Happy birthday, C-130J! We wish you many, many more!

EFMP: Faces behind program

By 1st Lt. Kayla Bellona

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Moving to a new base can be stressful, especially for those who have a special needs family member. Thankfully, the Air Force has a program called the Exceptional Family Member Program to assist with those transitions.

While EFMP can be confusing to those who are new to the program, there are two people at Little Rock Air Force Base who can help: the family support coordinator and the special needs coordinator.

Located in the Airman and Family Readiness Center is the family support coordinator Steve Jones. Jones helps facilitate the EFMP support group, where families can find information and connect with other families who share similar struggles.

"It's always good to have people who they can bounce ideas off of, share experiences, and create those relationships," Jones said.

Another area the family support coordinator helps with is to provide information and referrals to assist families with finding services, as well as coordinate events for the families to enjoy.

"We provide activities for the families to get together and just relax," Jones said. "The big events like the carnival, put everybody on an even keel, and there's always an activity for everyone, so their kids can have fun and can feel like they're not any different than other kids."

Some activities families participate in are paint nights, therapeutic horseback riding, the fishing derby and dance parties.

"We went to the dance party that EFMP hosted and our son had a blast," said Mae Stephenson, parent of a child enrolled in the EFMP program. "We met some new families as well. Overall, we had a great time."

Katrina Horn, the special needs coordinator, is located inside the 19th Medical Group Pediatric Clinic. She reaches out to EFMP families when they first arrive to LRAFB and assists with new enrollments.

"When someone is getting ready to PCS here, we review their paperwork and make sure we are able to accommodate the family coming here," Horn said. "Once they arrive, we ask them to check in with EFMP; otherwise we don't know they are here and that can cause a gap in services their family member is receiving."

Sometimes a member may be turned down for an assignment if the area cannot support the services the family member requires.

"When an Airman has their orders changed, it's because (the new base) doesn't have the services available that their family member needs," Horn said. "Can you truly focus on the mission if you're worried about your family member's required care and they cannot get it? It's doing the member a disservice, and it's not doing the Air Force any good."

Ensuring quality service members with exceptional family members are retained is a priority to the Air Force.

There are multiple programs available to help families enrolled under EFMP. The Air Force offers respite care, which can provide up to 40 hours per month of care for the family member. This is in addition to Tricare Echo, Medicaid and state programs such as the Tax Equality and Fiscal Responsibility Act for those living in Arkansas.

"If a family member needs additional medical equipment or services, such as applied behavioral analysis, these programs helps cover added costs," Jones said. "This is just one of the many struggles our families face because the copays and costs of medical equipment can cause a financial strain."

In addition to financial struggles special needs families may face, there also can be the time management difficulties, lack of medical providers, and social strife. While these obstacles can be a recipe for failure, a support group can provide much-needed assistance.

"It can be difficult to find people to talk to," Jones said. "Not many understand what it's like having a special needs child, and finding someone you connect

with who won't judge you can be very difficult at times, which is why we offer our support group."

The Air Force understands the struggles of the support required for these families. As of December 2018, there were 31,549 members Q-coded, meaning they had a family member enrolled in the EFMP program.

With so many family members enrolled in EFMP, how can local leaders support their Airmen with the struggles they're facing?

"Supervisors need to get to know their Airmen," Jones said. "Everyone needs to understand even a simple trip to the grocery store can be challenging."

Building a compassionate and understanding relationship will go a long

way with supporting an EFMP family.

Another way LRAFB is supporting EFMP families is with the newly established Combat Airlift Welcome Center located in the Walters Community Support Center. The welcome center serves as a one-stop shop for new Airmen and their families to process through the military personnel section, medical, traffic management office and finance, as well as get exposed to base helping agencies. In-processing Airmen are encouraged to bring their spouse and family to the appointment. Families can be connected with resources immediately and are assigned primary care managers for the whole family when going through medical in-processing ensuring that every family's needs are met.



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U.S. Air Force Col. Christopher Lambert, 19th Airlift Wing vice commander, speaks with participants of the Black History Month Unity 5K, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, Feb. 8, 2019. The Unity 5K is one of numerous events throughout the month of February in recognition of Black History Month.



(From left) U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Trenton Sikute, 19th Contracting Squadron contract specialist, and U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Tyler Shirley, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, take part in Black History Month Unity 5K, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, Feb. 8, 2019.



Team Little Rock Airmen were provided refreshments upon completion of the Black History Month Unity 5K, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, Feb. 8, 2019.



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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Moises Garrido, 19th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment apprentice, works on a self-generating nitrogen servicing cart at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, Feb. 6, 2019. Prior to joining the Air Force at the age of 37, Garrido enjoyed working on cars.

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Garrido uses his years of life experience to mentor his fellow Airmen.

"I see other Airmen and I think of my son," Garrido said. "He could be at his base and going through something. I would like to think someone would be there for him and give him some guidance. Other Airmen feel comfortable talking to me because we share the same stripes. They don't feel intimidated coming to me."

Through his persistence and love for his country, Garrido was able to make his dream a reality.

"If it is something you always wanted to do, just go for it," Garrido said. "There is no downside to joining, even as you get older. It's never too late to chase your dreams."

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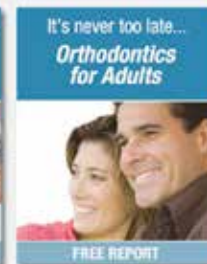
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Quick Tips for National Children's Dental Health Month

By Airman 1st Class Lindsay Walls-Ott
19th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

February is National Children's Dental Health Month, so if you have toddlers or pre-K aged children, you may be beginning to introduce them to the importance of oral healthcare. As parents, introducing concepts like this may sometimes be difficult. The Little Rock Air Force Base Dental Clinic will be visiting the two child development centers and Lighthouse Charter School on base during the month of February. To assist with this we will demonstrate fun and easy ways to keep kids' mouths clean and healthy, followed by the children receiving a dental hygiene goody bag as a gift!

Tips on Snacking in the Household

It's important to maintain and pass down healthy snacking habits to your kids because it can be a dental health issue for children, as well as adults. After every sugary snack or drink, you should drink water to rinse the mouth. This is so the plaque film responsible for cavities doesn't have time to form on your teeth.

When you consume something sugary,

that sugar is broken down by bacteria in your mouth to form an acid. This acid then begins to attack the enamel, or the outer layer of your teeth. This weakens the tooth and creates cavities.

Due to this chemical reaction, it's best to not let your kids snack right before bed. In the mornings, your children may notice that their teeth feel "fuzzy;" this is because of bacteria building up in their sleep. Snacking can worsen this and give the bacteria more time to create enamel-weakening acid.

Here are some tips to prevent cavities:

- Keep sugary snacks and drinks out of your children's reach in the house.
- Use a straw when consuming sugary drinks to keep sugar away from teeth.
- Give your child water after each meal and snack.
- Limit the amount of snacks to one or two per day at most.

Following these tips can give your child a smile they are proud of, as well as reduce their time in the dental chair.

If you have any questions about the information mentioned in this article, call Little Rock AFB dental clinic at (501) 987-7304, or visit www.ADA.org.

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